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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
October 25, 2005**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber, Megan Bullock

MINUTES

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of October 4. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of October 11. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Receipt of report of metalliferous mines license tax from Golden Sunlight Mine.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 10/25 Public Hearing on roadless issues - 7:00
- 10/26 South Helena Interchange meeting - Helena - 10:30
Jefferson River Watershed meeting - 7:00
- 10/27 Juvenile Detention conference call - 10:00
Health Board - 7:00
- 10/28 SAA meeting - Helena - 10:00
- 11/01 E-9-1-1 meeting - 7:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

ROADS

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he has been dealing with a lot of road issues. Commissioner Notbohm asked if he has heard anything about what the I-15 meeting the following day will be about. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he spoke with Jim Skinner earlier in the day, and he didn't know about the meeting. He stated that there will be a move from those in Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties to approach the highway commission. The project is all designed,

and there is no reason to put it off until 2007. Commissioner Notbohm asked if the reason might be that the money is tied up elsewhere. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that this is not the case; the money is there and earmarked, they just move slow. Commissioner Notbohm asked about the frontage road. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that it will go in at the same time as the interchange.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Commissioner Weber stated that he attended the ribbon cutting and opening of the new Golden Triangle building in Great Falls the previous day.

RMDC

Commissioner Notbohm reported that he attended a RMDC meeting on Thursday. He stated that it was a good meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS

Commissioner Notbohm stated that the Commissioners received a memo regarding an increase in the mileage rate, to be revised at the first of the year. He feels that the mileage rate should be left as it is until the first of the year. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he has already submitted a claim at the higher rate. He stated that they, as Commissioners, may be willing to bite the bullet, but others may not. He stated that he will talk to Bonnie about this.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSSION REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF OLD HIGHWAY 282, FORMALLY KNOWN AS FAS-481

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he has had some discussion with Eric Griffith, and they need to have a joint meeting with the Lewis and Clark Commission. The Lewis and Clark Commission will be contacted to set up a meeting.

REPORT ON ANIMAL CONTROL MEETING - MEGAN BULLOCK

Megan stated that she was delegated the duty of organizing the committee. A meeting was held on October 6th. Cathy Moore and Janie Wunderwald have formed a subcommittee and will draft a revised ordinance. The committee felt that they were biting off too much at this time, so they are putting off the licensing issue for now and will focus in barking and at-large dogs. They realize that it will be hard to have a blanket policy for the entire county. Commissioner Notbohm asked if the leash law idea was discussed. Megan stated that it was left in; the only thing that they are putting off for now is licensing. The committee also feels that they will probably need some money from the county. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they understand that they will probably need some seed money from the county. Commissioner Weber asked Megan if she has an estimated time frame. Megan stated that she thought she would have heard something from Cathy and Janie by this time, as they were pretty gung-ho to get going. She stated that the committee is a good group of people and the members very diverse. Craig will

have to come up with a system to enforce the ordinance, but he feels that he can handle it. Commissioner Notbohm asked Megan if she has had any contact with Arlene Brentano, a woman in Whitehall that has a shelter. Megan stated that she hasn't. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he has spoken with her at RMDC meetings, and she gets grants and works with vets to have animals neutered or spayed. Megan stated that this is good to know; one of the challenges the committee is facing is that Jefferson County has no shelter. Commissioner Weber stated that Arlene in Whitehall made it onto the list for Montana Shares, so people will be able to contribute via payroll deduction.

SIGN TAX PAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA TUNNELS

An agreement with Montana Tunnels for payment of their taxes was presented for approval. Tunnels agrees to pay \$40,000/week until they are caught up. They currently owe \$357,009, which includes penalties and interest. Commissioner Weber moved to enter into the payment agreement. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON USE OF PILT FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW TRAILER FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ben stated that he thought he had more money than he did. He needs an additional \$8,702.08 to purchase a trailer. Commissioner Weber moved to allocate \$8,702.08 from PILT. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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